

FREEDOM

Of the Seas a Phrase That Von Bernstorff Would Discuss

French, Gathering Energy Out of Their Defeat, Penetrate For Some Distance Into German Possessions West of the Argonne Forest—Crown Prince Leads the German Assault, Day's Operations.

London, July 5. — When the guns ceased to roar in the Argonne and dawn broke the Germans were in possession of a mile of trenches, north-east of Vienne-le-Chateau, which twenty-four hours previously had been occupied by the French. Across from this front the German troops under the crown prince had charged with might and main, the impetus of their first assault carrying them over the heavily entrenched ground until they penetrated a third of a mile into the French fortifications.

But the assault was stopped. The French troops, gathering energy out of their defeat, pressed into the German lines west of the Binarville to Vienne-le-Chateau road. At the same time another section of the French troops charged from their trenches and penetrated for some distance into the German possessions west of the Argonne forest. So, in a measure, the German gain was counter balanced by the French. But the Paris official statement does not mention the extent of the French gains. On the other hand, both Berlin and Paris agree that the German advance northeast of Vienne-le-Chateau was over a front of about one mile to a depth of one-third of a mile—a very appreciable gain.

The scene of the fighting is between Verdun, the great French stronghold, and Rheims. It is in a slightly hilly country, so that the German charge was made up hill. Eight miles farther on lies the main highway between Verdun and Rheims. It was here that the Germans, according to the Berlin statement, took 2,581 unharmed prisoners, including 5 officers, and drove up to the first line of French batteries, rendering them cannon useless. These batteries lie between the German front and the French front, while the Germans, as a result of their success, possess two field cannon, two revolver cannon, six machine guns and a large quantity of tools.

According to an Athens dispatch the allies made four assaults on the Turkish positions on the Gallipoli peninsula. They finally occupied two hills, the first of which was taken by the British and the second by the French.

DISASTROUS REPULSE

Said to Have Been Met by Teutons Who Attacked Ossowice.

London, July 15.—The renewed activity of the Germans north of the Vistula and south of the Niemen has so far been without success, according to dispatches from Petrograd. Their advance in the neighborhood of Suwalki netted them nothing, while their renewed attack upon the fortress town of Ossowice is said to have been a disastrous repulse. It is said in the dispatches that the Germans have lost 15,000 killed and wounded besides being driven out of their first line of trenches.

Conditions attending the siege of Ossowice are different from those in the south or in Galicia. Ossowice has big guns with sufficient ammunition, and the roads are such that the Germans cannot bring up their 17-inch howitzers, which did such fearful execution in the Carpathian drive.

The situation in south Poland and Galicia shows no change. Apparently the armies of Generals Von Mackensen and Von Linsingen, as well as the divisions of Von Woyrasch, are resting. The Austrians under Archduke Ferdinand retreated from the north of Kraank.

Villa Forces in Retreat.
El Paso, Tex., July 15.—General Francisco Villa has evacuated Zacatecas and Aguas Calientes and his next stand against the advancing Carranza forces probably will be made at Torreon, according to a message received from Villa headquarters at the front.

THE WEATHER

Observations of the United States weather bureau, taken at 7 p. m. Wednesday:

	Temp.	Weather.
New York	80	Clear
Boston	66	Cloudy
Buffalo	70	Clear
Washington	82	Cloudy
Columbus	74	Cloudy
Chicago	72	Cloudy
St. Louis	90	Clear
Los Angeles	70	Clear
New Orleans	84	Clear
Tampa	84	Clear
Savannah	82	Cloudy

Forecast.
Washington, July 15.—Indications for tomorrow:
Ohio—Probably local thunder showers.

SPEEDERS COME TO GRIEF

A bigational Touring car, driven by three young men on their way from New York City to St. Louis, reached this city in a rush last Monday evening, and in attempting to avoid a collision with Jewett's milk wagon on East Livingston street, bumped into the curb and demolished a wheel. They then took a notion to stop a while. They were in such a big hurry.

PHONE GIRLS GO TO SCHOOL

Seventy or more telephone operators from this section of the state attended a two days' school of instruction at Lima this week, where a miniature plant was operated under the direction of a Chicago expert. Misses Catherine Goggin, Mae Stemen, Pearl Steele and Adelaide Weis, of the local telephone force, attended the instructions, and enjoyed the entertaining program and banquet.

JITNEY LINE TO MENDON

An auto bus line has been established between this city and Mendon by A. H. Mummaugh. The bus leaves this city for Mendon at 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. Returning leaves Mendon at 8 a. m. and 7 p. m.

AUDITOR

Announces Refunder for Tax-Payers on Beaver Ditch 515

Sufficient Money to Complete Unfinished Work Held by the Commissioners.

Approximately 2300 different lots and lands will share in the 70 per cent refund on the June, 1915, assessment on the Beaver Ditch No. 515, just ordered by the County Commissioners.

All parties who have paid or are about to pay their June tax assessments on the Beaver ditch will receive a warrant for their share of the refund by presenting their present tax receipt or their December, 1914, receipt to the Auditor. Auditor J. P. Steinbrunn informs us that he will be ready to issue these warrants on or after next Monday, the 19th.

The Commissioners have retained enough money to pay the balance on the contract, as yet unfinished, all the engineers, auditor and treasurer's fees and damages and compensation not as yet paid.

Manning & Rittenauer contracted to complete the unfinished portion of the Gordon & Wyckoff section for the sum of \$2,449. This part has not as yet been finished but to protect the land owners \$1,000 in money and a good bond is held by the Commissioners.

The dredging of Beaver and Wash ditch No. 515 has cost the benefited lot and land owners and the state nearly \$100,000.

KILL IT

Willis Gerrymander Would Give G.O.P. Undue Representation

In Congress—Ordinarily Casting But Half of Vote of State, Plot for 17 of 22 Members.

Referendum petitions have been placed in circulation in Mercer County, seeking to bring to a vote of the people the infamous congressional gerrymander, made purely for political purposes by the Willis general assembly. The petitions are being circulated through the regular Democratic organization in keeping with the decision of the state committee.

Every citizen, who believes in fair play for President Wilson, should sign one of the petitions and should vote against the gerrymandering act next November. He should urge every neighbor to do likewise. It is time a stop was put to the gerrymandering business in this state, as it will be if the people act in the case.

The Sprague gerrymander bill seeks to divide Ohio so as to make possible the election of 17 Republicans and only 5 Democrats, and for the benefit of certain Republican districts it makes the election of Republicans in other districts impossible.

The redistricting act of the preceding general assembly made necessary to conform to the 1910 census was a much fairer division. Under it the Republicans elected 13 congressmen and the Democrats 9. The average vote would make a more equal division.

Next year there will likely be universal demand for the return of President Wilson. He will desire a Democratic congress to support him, because he will need men to help him who are in sympathy with his views. The difference in political complexion of three congressmen—or even one or two—may mean the swing of the balance in congress. This fact makes the gerrymander of general importance and should override any petty feeling in local quarters where the partisans of President Wilson think they have been given personal strength. Every Democratic congressman, and every aspirant for 1916, owes to his state, to his party and to the national administration, to assist in every possible way to overthrow the Willis gerrymander. Take up the work of getting signatures to petitions and see that the people get a chance to hit this infamous act squarely between the eyes at the November election.

GETS O. K. OF INSPECTOR

This is to certify that the plumbing on the new Ott Building, of Ft. Recovery, was inspected by Deputy State Plumbing Inspector Duffy on Friday, June 25, and accepted as O. K.

GERMANS

Breach French Trenches and Make Noteworthy Gain

German Ambassador Feels That if the United States Takes Initiative in Securing Pledges From Great Britain and Germany For Free Seas It May Bring About the End of the War. Proposal Not in Favor at Capital.

Washington, July 15.—The rapidity with which progress shall be made toward a decision in regard to the issue with Germany now depends chiefly upon President Wilson, Secretary of State Lansing and those assisting him in the drafting of memoranda have but little more time so far as the first stage of the procedure in handling the problem is concerned.

It is not now expected there will be any consideration of the matter by the president and his advisers assembled in cabinet at the White House until next Tuesday. Considerable matter bearing upon the issue has been transmitted to the president by mail.

Meantime officials see some evidences that the Germans are desirous that their case should have a supplementary hearing in addition to its presentation in the note from the German government. It is known that the German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, will have a talk with Secretary Lansing, while unofficial reports taken here indicate that efforts are being made to secure the unfavorable impression caused by the note itself.

It is known here that the German ambassador wishes to emphasize certain points in his government's note, particularly in reference to the phrase "freedom of the seas," and also regarding the suggestion that the United States and the submarine warfare by serving as mediator between Germany and Great Britain. The ambassador feels that a great opportunity lies before this government in the present situation; that if it will take the initiative in securing pledges from Great Britain and Germany for the "freedom of the seas," it may bring about the end of the war.

It develops, however, that the phrase "freedom of the seas" is not defined in the same way at the German embassy and the state department. The American government feels that Germany has violated the freedom of the seas in killing noncombatants and neutrals and in attacking neutral vessels on the highways of commerce. It is, indeed, pressing Germany to respect the freedom of the seas in this particular.

The German proposal, on the other hand, is that the seas be wiped clean by instituting a freedom of seas which shall make all commerce absolutely free in time of war as well as in peace.

The impression prevails that the administration will refuse to yield its claims on the submarine issue with Germany for the sake of trying to institute an ideal condition.

REVENTLOW'S LATEST

Calls Upon Austria to Satisfy Demands of Rumanians

Berlin, July 15.—Count Von Reventlow, the political writer, who demanded that Germany not concede anything to the United States in her submarine warfare, calls upon Austrians to agree to the demands from Rumanians in Austria that they be given independence in Transylvania and Bukovina. He declares that these demands should be granted because of the loyalty of the Austrian Rumanians, if for nothing else, and as well to forestall an agitation from Rumania itself which would be highly dangerous at this time and might decide the Rumanian government to throw its lot in with the allies. Several German newspapers state that a Balkan union has been formed on the initiative of Bulgaria.

PETITION

Circulating for the Improvement With Brick of Much-Traveled Highway.

A petition is being circulated for the improvement of what is known as the Celina-Mercer pike, leading to Mercer from this city. Those behind the move want the road paved with brick. The matter is receiving much encouragement. At Mercer it would connect with the concrete road now under construction from that village to Rockford. Brick is the coming road material, and is bound to be the most economical in the end. And that should be the goal in all road building.

SELF-EVIDENT TRUTHS

We hold these truths self-evident: People going nowhere soon arrive at that destination.

Time flies, but he never won any speed trophies around this neighborhood.

Three scruples equal one dram. Ten drams equal one drunk. One drunk equal any number of scruples.

There's a sucker born every minute.

And that's what keeps the prison full.—O. P. News.

FOR SALE

Motor car press for sale at a bargain. Price \$50 cents each. Inquire of M. A. Kassens, Celina, O.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL PICNIC

There will be a Sunday school picnic at the Jeff Ballinger grove at Montezuma next Saturday, to which everybody is invited.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Geo. Myers, one of the best known young men of this city, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis on last Sunday evening. Monday afternoon he was taken to Lima, where he underwent an operation for relief. His case was an unusually serious one, but it is believed his rugged constitution will enable him to pull through.

DATE OF PIONEER MEETING

The Mercer County Pioneer association will hold their annual reunion and picnic at the Fair ground, on Thursday, August 5. Everybody is invited to come with well filled baskets, and enjoy the program and the social hour.

PACKERS

Appeal to State Department, Demanding England Stop Interfering With Cargoes.

Washington, July 15.—The big meat packers of the United States appealed to the state department to demand that Great Britain stop interfering with their cargoes consigned to neutral ports and settle for \$14,000,000 worth of their products now held in prize courts. They charge the British government with the destruction of commerce in food products between the United States and other neutral nations.

After two conferences between Lie packers and Chandler Anderson, special counselor of the state department, it was announced that the department would make representations to Great Britain. It is understood that this will be done immediately.

In a statement outlining their case as laid before the state department, they declare that the British government purposely delays settlement of their claims for seized cargoes, and that they are not inclined to reopen trade with neutral countries unless they can be assured of delivery of their shipments to ports designated.

Germany's Finances.

Berlin, July 15.—A conference in Berlin of the finance ministers of the several German states approved the presentation of the presiding officer, Dr. Karl Helfferich, the secretary of the German imperial treasury, regarding Germany's financial situation. All the ministers present agreed that Germany's financial situation was most favorable, and that the nation was resolved to hold out until a victorious peace was assured.

Daniels to Confer With Edison.
Washington, July 15.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels left for Orange, N. J., today to confer with Thomas A. Edison relative to the personnel of the naval board of inventions and development, which Mr. Edison has agreed to head.

THE CITY FATHERS

Council met last Tuesday night in regular session with all members present.

Abe Burris, on behalf of Mr. Alt, who is constructing a garage at the corner of Main and Logan streets, asked permission to put in an underground gasoline tank. Go ahead.

Vin. East has a grievance. His alley is unnecessarily obstructed and he wants relief. He was favored on the records.

John J. Bedell thinks it the duty of the village officials to stop speeding of motor cycles and automobiles on the streets—East Livingston is where John lives—and thinks the ordinance should be rigidly enforced. Must state on John's nerves.

Blake, of the street committee, reported contracts had been entered into for fluid for oiling streets and for that purpose had been shipped. Oil will cost 3 1/2 cents per barrel. Mayor Rice report was read and accepted. That of Board of Public Affairs ditto.

Monthly appropriating ordinance was passed and duly adjourned.

LOCAL GOSSIP

The W. C. T. U. services, planned for next Sunday at the County Infirmary, have been postponed to a future date.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dickie, residing north of this city, was kicked by a colt last Monday inflicting a bad cut under the right eye.

Mrs. Abe Burris received information last Monday of the death of her brother, A. M. Shupp, who resided at Dayton. His death occurred on Sunday. He was a former resident of this city.

Orville Bogart, aged 16, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bogart, residing north of this city, was operated upon Tuesday for the removal of his tonsils and adenoids. The operation was performed by Dr. Oils, of this city.

An automobile driven by Oscar Maelman collided with a wagon driven by Henry Miesse, on the reservoir bank road Sunday afternoon, doing some damage to both. No one was hurt, although Mr. Miesse was considerably shaken up.

Mrs. Jacob Weber, who has been residing with her daughters at Detroit, Mich., since Mr. Weber came here to accept the position as Fire Chief, arrived here this week to again make Celina her home. The daughters will remain at Detroit.

COCKERALS FOR SALE

Single and rose-comb white Leghorns. Price 50 cents each. Inquire of M. A. Kassens, Celina, O.

OHIO MAN

Made Head at Chicago Meet of International C. E.

President Wilson Sent Ringing Message on Stand for Peace—New Dry Slogan.

[By Rev. Howard B. Giese, D. D., Vice President of the United Society of Christian Endeavor.]

The Chicago Christian Endeavor Convention of 1915 will go down in the records as one of the most significant of the twenty-seven International Conventions of Christian Endeavor, completing two of the most successful years in the history of the movement. It will be noted because of its numbers, enthusiasm and superb setting in the gaily-decorated Coliseum.

It will be historic because of the election of Daniel A. Poling, of Ohio, as President's Associate, and his entrance upon his great and responsible office with the universal acclaim of the more than 12,000 delegates who packed the Coliseum again and again.

Mr. Poling is Dr. Francis Clark's personal choice, and is in every way admirably fitted for the place. As a member of the Flying Squadron that has done so much for the cause of national prohibition, he has gained wide acquaintance and recognition as orator and thinker. A product of Junior Christian Endeavor, he has been closely identified with the work as state president and secretary in Ohio, and chairman of the citizenship and temperance committee.

The absence of Dr. Clark, founder of Christian Endeavor, on account of serious illness, occasioned deep regret, and the Convention sent him its deep sympathy and love as the first act of the opening session on Wednesday evening, in the following message:

"This 27th International and 5th World's Convention of Christian Endeavor, as its first action, desires to send you its Christian greeting and its message of heartfelt sympathy, in the hope that the expression of our regret because of your enforced absence and of our deep appreciation of your immeasurable service to the cause which has engaged you will bring cheer and comfort to the sick room and that our united prayers may give you for speedier recovery of health and strength in God's good providence. Our hearts go out to you, beloved leader and friend, in loyalty and love, and in affectionate response to your words of greeting and Godspeed. We send you what we know you will value the most highly—our pledge of continued and increased devotion to Christian Endeavor and all that it stands for in the life of the world."

Never has an Endeavor Convention opened with a greater session. The delegates were seated by states; and as they gathered, the state yells were

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CUPID'S VICTIMS

Miss Erma Tennent, daughter of Mrs. John Tennent, of this city, was united in marriage to Rufus Rieck, of Kittingan, Pa., at the M. E. parsonage yesterday morning, Rev. W. W. Lance officiating. After the ceremony the young couple went to the home of the bride's mother, on North Cherry street, where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served, participated in by only immediate relatives and a few friends. The young couple left yesterday afternoon for Pennsylvania, where they will make their future home.

Clarence Houts, of Celina, and Miss Bertha Copey were united in marriage on Wednesday, July 14, 1915, by Rev. Ross Stover, at the Wanakona, English Lutheran parsonage. They have since returned to St. Marys and are sojourning temporarily at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Copey, West Jay street. They will likely locate in Celina, where Mr. Houts is employed in his father's industrial plant. Principals to the marriage are well and favorably known and have the best wishes of their numerous friends.—St. Marys Leader.

OUTING FOR BURNWOOD

The Burnwood Sunday School will have an outing next Sunday, July 18, with services as follows:

Sunday School at the church at 9:30 a. m., after which we will repair to Green's grove, three fourths of a mile north of the church, for dinner and a general good time.

Rev. A. W. Ballinger, of Lima, will be with us, and preach Saturday evening and give an address Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited to be with us. Come early and stay all day.

Billy Dale, owned by Pat King, of near Mercer, and driven by Will Goggin, of this city, was the stake winner in the \$1.00 race at the matinee races at Marion last week. There were ten starters.

John Menchoffer, Jr., residing near Erastus, was kicked by a horse last Tuesday and for a time rendered unconscious. He was working in a field, and had to be carried home. While badly bruised no bones were broken.

For mosquito bites apply Handford's Balsam—adv.

SUFFERS FROM BROKEN ARM

Rosa, the fourteen year old daughter of Commissioner and Mrs. Andrew Brunswick, Granville township, sustained a bad fracture of the left arm last Sunday afternoon when she fell from a step ladder at her home. She was only up a few steps reaching for some cherries, when she slipped and fell. The arm was broken in two places, at the wrist and between the wrist and elbow. The young lady suffered much pain Sunday night but she is now getting along very nicely.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID

Glady's Grundon, aged 16 years, making her home with Ed Commissioner and Mrs. Isaac Brandon, east of Montezuma, drank a quantity of carbolic acid last Tuesday, whether intentionally or not is not known. Her mouth and lips were badly burned and she is getting along nicely and will not do any disfigurement from the affair.

ROAD EXPERTS

Highway Department Say Mercer County Stone Ranks High—Karch Buys Big Truck.

Proprietor John W. Karch of the Beaver Stone Crusher plant, has purchased a seven ton, 48 horse power truck for hauling stone from his quarry west of this city. The truck is one of the largest in the county and makes it possible for Mr. Karch to deliver stone anywhere in a short time. In hauling to this city last week he made the round trip, including the loading and unloading, in a few minutes over an hour.

Mr. Karch has also gone to handling cement, lime and plaster, and will deliver to customers any place in the county.

Mr. Karch has just received from the state highway department a test of his stone over which he is much elated. The stone from the Karch quarry tested unusually high by the state road experts, and if you want a good job of road work or a good job of concrete work done around your premises order a load of stone from the Beaver Crusher plant. You won't be disappointed if you let Mr. Karch handle your next order.

THE GRIM REAPER

Frances M. Buxton, aged 77 years, a pioneer resident of Franklin township, died at his home two miles east of Montezuma, last Friday. Death was due to the infirmities of old age. He was born near Germantown, this state, but came to Mercer county with his parents when a lad. In 1868 he was married to Celine Jane Plummer, of Coldwater, and to this union four children were born, all of whom survive. They are: Mrs. May Morrow and Mrs. O. T. Elder, near Montezuma, and Minnie and Alfred Buxton, at home.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from his late home, with Rev. Geyer in charge. Burial at the Burdge cemetery at Montezuma.

Madeline Roberts, aged 17 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Roberts, of Mendon, died of whooping cough last Monday, after an illness of several weeks.

Samuel Beecholt, aged 63, died on Sunday last, at his residence in Wanakona. Apoplexy was the cause. Mr. Beecholt had lived alone since the death of his wife last December. He was entertaining Lima relatives, Sunday, when he complained of feeling. He died within a few minutes. He is survived by a number of relatives.

Mrs. Catherine Schunck, aged 78 years, widow of the late Peter Schunck, who died during the month of June, 1914, passed away Tuesday, July 13, 1915, at his residence of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clint DeMoss, St. Marys, Ohio. Kidney trouble had much to do with bringing on the end. The remains were taken to Minster Wednesday to the residence of the deceased's son, August Schunck. The funeral was set for 8:30 a. m., Friday, July 16, at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Minster.

Mrs. Schunck is survived by two sons and two daughters: August Schunck, Minster; Jacob Schunck, of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Mrs. Clint DeMoss, St. Marys, and a daughter residing in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Catherine Schunck was a native of Germany. She emigrated, at an early age, to America. For many years residing in married life she was a resident of Celina, where her memory is held in popular esteem.—St. Marys Leader.

Frank Bernard, aged 70 years, died at his home at St. Henry last Friday morning, after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to a complication of diseases. He was born at Maria Stein, and was twice married. He is survived by ten children—Frank, residing at Osgood, Jacob, at Coldwater; Lawrence and Raymond, at St. Henry; Mrs. Ed Davis, Mrs. Peter Brockman, Mrs. Mike Boehmer and the Misses Margaret, Agnes and Anna, at home. Funeral services were held at the St. Henry Catholic church last Monday morning.

Don Coffman, aged about 19 years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Coffman, residing near Rockford, passed away last Saturday, after an affliction of several months, resulting from cancer of the brain. His funeral occurred on Monday at the Mt. Olive Church.

D. OF R. ELECT OFFICERS

Queen Lodge Daughters of Rebekah of this city elected the following officers last Tuesday night: Nora Kistler, P. G.; Nellie Andrews, N. G.; Laura Deitsch, V. G.; Mattie Hoffman, recording secretary; Lizzie Enyart, treasurer; Clara Bowser, R.S.N.G.; Jennie Bedell, R.S.V.G.; Lizzie Wagner, L.S.N.G.; Mada Miller, L.S.V.G.; Ollie Jordan, Warden; Tillie Thomas, Conductor; Minnie Stemen, Chaplain; Elizabeth Vordenfelde, O.G.; Jennie Daniel, I.G.; Etha Deitsch, pianist.

SCANDAL

Revolving About Kriegel Cases Believed Near End.

Jury Finds Thomas "Not Guilty," and Prosecutor Asks Pals-Kamp Case Be Nolleed.

The jury hearing the case of Evie Thomas, who was indicted for rape upon Helen Kriegel Fortune, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kriegel, East Fayette street, reported to Common Pleas Judge Miller yesterday, shortly after noon, rendering a verdict of not guilty. The jury was in the box only about fifteen minutes and cast only one ballot. The case consumed three days.

A new panel was drawn by Jury Commissioners Vincent Loebfeld, and John A. Wilson on Wednesday and ordered to convene at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon to hear the case against Ado Pulkamp, charged with a like offense by the Kriegel girl. However, after the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the Thomas case, Prosecutor Myers requested the court to nolle the indictment against young Pulkamp, and he was released and the jury discharged.

Helen Kriegel, the prosecuting witness in